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INFO AMEMBASSY BOGOTA

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SUBJECT: HONDURAN BANANA SHIPMENTS OF STANDARD FRUIT

JOLTED BY NEW TAX

REF: TEGUCIGALPA 1809

1. SITUATION AT STANDARD FRUIT. LAST VESSEL LOADED BANANAS
AND DEPARTED APRIL 26, SEVEN DAYS AGO. NORMAL TRAFFIC WOULD
BE FOUR VESSELS PER WEEK. MARKETING EFFORTS OF STANDARD
HAVE NOT RESULTED IN SALES SINCE FIFTY CENTS PER BOX TAX
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ADDED. SUPPLIES ADEQUATE TO MARKET DEMAND APPARENTLY

AVAILABLE FROM OTHER AND CHEAPER SOURCES. STANDARD LABOR SITUATION: WHARF WORKERS, 250 REGULAR AND 100 PART TIME, NOT ACTIVE AND RECEIVING NO PAY. PACKAGING SHED WORKERS, 500 TO 700 PERSONS, NOT WORKING AND NOT RECEIVING PAY. RAIL TRANSPORT WORKERS, NO CHANGE IN EMPLOYMENT AND RECEIVING BASE PAY, BUT NOT THEIR ACCUSTOMED OVERTIME. FIELD WORKERS, NO CHANGE IN EMPLOYMENT, BUT NOT EARNING PIECE WORK BONUS AND THEREFORE REVERTING TO LOWER GUARANTEED SALARY. STANDARD (HONDURAS AT LEAST) BELIEVES IT OPERATED AT LOSS DURING FIRST QUARTER OF 1974 DUE TO SHARPLY INCREASE VOLUME SHIPPED BY UNITED FRUIT FROM HONDURAS WHICH VOLUME TENDED TO HOLD DOWN PRICES. STANDARD IN FIRST QUARTER SHIPPED AT ITS OWN RISK THAT BUYER WOULD BE FOUND. AS REPORTED REFTEL, STANDARD NOW WILL SHIP ONLY ON ORDER: PRICE PLUS TAX. MARKETING SOLELY IN HANDS OF CASTLE AND COOK, SAN FRANCISCO.

2. ON LONG-STANDING WAGE DISPUTE, STANDARD AND ITS UNION HAVE CHOSEN CANDIDATES FOR CONCILIATION, BUT GOH HAS NOT NAMED ITS CONCILIATOR. MINLAB FONSECA DEEPLY CONCERNED WITH STANDARD PROBLEMS, ESPECIALLY LABOR FORCE NOT BEING PAID. GENERAL MGR OF STANDARD IN CLOSE COMMUNICATION WITH MINLAB, BUT LEGAL DISPUTE ON LAY-OFFS LIKELY IF PRESENT CONDITIONS CONTINUE FOR LONG.

3. EMBASSY ATTEMPTING TO REACH UNITED FRUIT.

4. COMMENT: FOREGOING INFO IS FROM STANDARD. MIN LABOR FONSECA, HOWEVER, TOLD US THIS MORNING THAT STANDARD HAD NOT RPT NOT NAMED ITS CANDIDATES FOR CONCILIATORS IN THE WAGE DISPUTE. IT IS TRUE THAT FONSECA (AND ENTIRE GOH) IS DEEPLY CONCERNED WITH PROBLEM.
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